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Learning and Gathering Opportunities for This Week

Re-Opening of Churches – Conversation for all Church Leaders

- **Monday, March 22, 7 pm Eastern/6 pm Central**

With more people being vaccinated and Spring on the horizon, questions are being asked about how soon churches might return to in-person worship and what current practices need to be maintained into the future. We invite all Moderators, Church Leaders, and Clergy to be part of the conversation. [REGISTER](#)

NOTE: If you already registered for this, please re-register. The conversation is happening on March 22 (not April 1).

For Clergy

- **An Hour of Conversations and Prayer**

Tuesday, March 23 & 30 - 11:00 a.m. EST (10:00 a.m. CST)

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/479440102>

- **Especially for Specialized Ministers**

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 - 9:30 a.m. Eastern (8:30 a.m. Central)

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/354744689>

*Look for the “**SEC Annual Meeting Special Edition**” later this week!*

From the Wider UCC Church

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 3:30pm - 4:30pm EST

Building Supportive Networks in Faith Formation

In April 2020, the Wisconsin Conference UCC began offering a weekly drop-in support Zoom for faith formation leaders, both lay and clergy, to provide a safe space for faith formation leaders to talk about how they were navigating the extraordinary and sudden changes to how they engaged in this ministry. Within a short time, the group expanded to include faith formation leaders from other conferences and other denominations. This has become a community that not only shares ideas and resources, but also shares its challenges and frustrations as well as celebrates its joys and successes. Join us for a conversation about the value of building supportive networks in faith formation. [REGISTER](#)

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. EST

Journey to the Waters: A Service of Remembrance and Healing

The International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is one of few days that honors the memory of the millions whose lives were interrupted and disrupted by the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

This service will create space for the honoring of many whose names are unknown, individuals who were not funeralized or ritualized. The service is designed as a time for lament as we remember the resilience, courage, resistance, ingenuity and rebellion of Africans who were brought forcefully into the Americas. Through song, dance, poetry and prayers – we will remember.

The service gathers the international and interfaith communities to honor the dead, to pray for healing, to celebrate the joy of African descendant people, and to affirm the commitment to eliminate the legacy of injustices that linger.

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Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. EST

The History of Christian Churches in the UCC with Rev. Yvonne Delk

In 1957, when the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational and Christian churches formed the United Church of Christ, there was a fifth stream that fed into our formation, the Afro-Christian Church. While it maintained a Christian identity, it was an independent and separate organizational structure comprised of the Afro Christian Convention, five conferences, 150 churches, 25,000 members, 185 ordained ministers and licentiates. Join us as we hear of this rich legacy from Dr. Yvonne Delk a daughter of the Afro Christian tradition and spiritual leader in our midst. [REGISTER](#)

Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. EST

Lessons from the Hebrew Bible: The Enduring Resilience of African Descended Women

This webinar will highlight two significant days in March on the UN International Decade for People of African Descent calendar: UN International Day for the Elimination of Racism and UN International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Using the book of Job as a scriptural focus, the panelists will provide critical reflection on these significant UN Decade days from the perspectives of women of African descent committed to liberation, healing, and transformation of biblical narratives. [REGISTER](#)

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